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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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LONG BEACH COUNCILMAN GARY DeLONG ELECTED CHAIR OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY *Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn to serve as Vice Chair*

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LONG BEACH, CA – The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) today elected Long Beach City Councilman Gary DeLong as the 2009-10 Chair of its Governing Board. Councilman DeLong succeeds Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who will now serve as ACTA's Vice Chair.

"I look forward to working with the community and my colleagues on the ACTA Board to continue to facilitate more direct and efficient goods movement in conjunction with our Ports," said Councilmember DeLong, who represents Long Beach's 3rd District. "Ensuring the strength of Southern California's goods movement network is essential to economic recovery and the jobs that come with it."

"In just seven years, we have created a national model on how to move goods efficiently while lessening the impacts of traffic and pollution," said Councilmember Hahn. "Every time a train goes down that corridor, we have eliminated 300 trucks from our roads and highways. We are now beginning a new era of cutting edge technologies that will allow us to someday soon move cargo even faster than we are now and with zero emissions."

Additionally, the ACTA Board welcomed its newest member, Long Beach Harbor Commissioner Susan E. Anderson Wise, replacing Jim Hankla who retired after six years on the Commission. Ms. Wise, who was appointed to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in December 2008 by Mayor Bob Foster, is a past president of the Long Beach Bar Association and the Women Lawyers of Long Beach, and is a three-term president of the Long Beach Legal Aid Foundation.

Designed to improve the efficiency of transporting cargo from the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports to the rest of the nation, the Alameda Corridor's operation has resulted in significant air emission reductions. Since the opening of the Alameda Corridor in 2002, more than 10,000 tons of

total emission reductions have resulted from the consolidation of freight rail operations and the alleviation of traffic congestion at the more than 200 rail crossings in the Southland.

Over 15 million containers (27 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units, or TEUs) have been transported via the Corridor since its opening in 2002, and more than 5400 containers (9,777 TEUs) are transported on the Alameda Corridor each day – almost one-third of the ports' average daily volume.

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